

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 10, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

If step module 10 includes a ground supported platform ~~[[32]]~~ 72, whether rigidly attached to or adjacent the step module, it may be covered by a rug 26. This rug may be structurally equivalent to rugs 12 and 14 or may simply include strips 74 of hook or loop fasteners secured to the platform for mating engagement with strips 76 of loop or hook fasteners, respectively, adhered or otherwise secured to the undersurface of rug 26. For more stability and robust attachment, the sets of male and female snap locks described above with respect to rugs 12 and 14 may be employed with rug 26.